



## DELVES LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Our children at DLPS continue to impress us with their hard work and kindness towards others. Well done to everyone, we are very proud of you all.

## Parent/Carer Survey

Our survey closed yesterday, we will do a full analysis and this will be published in next weeks newsletter. Thank you to everyone for your feedback, we value your views.

## Captain Chemistry

We have some reports below from each Year Group about their Captain Chemistry visit. They thoroughly enjoyed the lessons!

### YEAR 3

Willow and Poplar classes enjoyed an exciting workshop with Captain Chemistry. We looked at different animal skeletons and enjoyed tasting new and extraordinary fruits and vegetables. Poplar class also made towers modelled from the human skeleton. We had great fun and learned so much about animals including humans!

### YEAR 4

In Birch and Elm classes, Captain Chemistry talked to us about the differences and similarities between herbivores, carnivores and omnivores. We got to explore a number of skulls and compared the teeth to these of different animals, identifying whether it was a predator or prey by the shape and size of teeth.

We learned about our digestive system from doing an experiment. We learned how the energy from food is absorbed into our body and how food is broken down.

Finally, we used iodine to see which types of food provided us with lots of energy.

### YEAR 5

In Pine and Ash classes, we looked at forces with Captain Chemistry. We spent the first part of the session learning about levers and pulleys, which are simple machines that make exerting forces easier. We used hammers and crowbars to pull nails out of wood and even created a lever to lift Captain Chemistry off the floor using planks of wood and bottles of water! Then, we made our own rockets and launched them outside using rocket launchers made from pipes and plastic bottles. They were amazing and zoomed right across the yard! We had a great day!

### Year 6

In Beech and Oak classes the children are learning about 'Living Things and their Habitats'. The children had great fun exploring how scientists classify and group living creatures using Duplo and then attempted to sort a wide variety of vertebrates. Finally, the pupils had the chance to get their hands dirty, experimenting with woodlice to see what types of habitat they would prefer. The children had lots of fun and were fantastic throughout, keep up the great work! 😊

## Breakfast and After School Childcare Bookings

Please can we ask Parents and Carers to pre-book Breakfast and After School Places by 3.00pm the day before the session is required. Please only book by emailing [clubbookings@delveslane.co.uk](mailto:clubbookings@delveslane.co.uk). We appreciate everyone is very busy, but pre-booking is essential to guarantee your child a place as both provisions continue to get busier. Thank you.



## DLPS Star of the Week

Well done to our incredible DLPS STARS this week.

Congratulations to	In Class	What have they been up to?
Poppy B	SAPLINGS	'A kind and helpful friend to others'
Levi K	SEEDLINGS	'A fabulous role model for our new children'
Aicha	CHERRY	'Such a kind, caring and helpful member of our class'
Sam	HAZEL	'Fantastic effort in Maths'
Charlie M	HAWTHORN	'Completing his Maths work well and helping others'
Ryan	MAPLE	'Making good progress in his phonics and reading'
Cody	JUNIPER	'A lovely helper in our class'
Haaris	POPLAR	'Contributing well in all lessons, he has worked so hard'
Lana	WILLOW	'A kind, friendly and helpful member of Willow class'
Nicole	BIRCH	'Amazing effort with her writing this week'
Jake	ELM	'Excellent work partitioning numbers'
Brianna	PINE	'Always trying her hardest and being so kind'
Heidi	ASH	'Putting excellent effort into everything she does'
Owen	BEECH	'A polite and hardworking member of class'
Sahara	OAK	'A kind and helpful member of our class'



## DLPS Reader of the Week

At Delves Lane Primary we believe that being able to read and write is an essential life skill that enables us to express ourselves and a one which opens the door to the rest of the curriculum and life opportunities. We are extremely proud of our Readers of the week!

Congratulations to	In Class
Ellie-Mae	HAZEL
George O	HAWTHORN
John-James	MAPLE
Roman	JUNIPER
Leona	POPLAR
Natalia	WILLOW
Scarlett M	BIRCH
Martyna K	ELM
John	PINE
Robbie K	ASH
Leighton	BEECH
Natasha	OAK

## Year 1 Children EYFS Tapestry information

HAZEL and HAWTHORN class parents and carers can now download their child's learning journal from their Reception year on their Tapestry account.

When you log in, click your name at the top right-hand corner and select "downloads."

There is a simple video tutorial on our School Facebook page which explains how you can download your child's Journal. You have 90 days to download their journals.

If anyone needs any assistance doing this or has any problems please speak to Mrs Randell.

## COVID News

Durham County Council have asked us to share an important letter (this will follow in a text, please read by clicking on the link provided).

Please remember that:

- Parents and Carers who call into the main school office MUST wear a mask.
- Children should not come into school if they have COVID symptoms.
- Please remember to use our ONE-WAY SYSTEM when entering and leaving our school.

## Relationships & Behaviour Policy

Our new Relationships and Behaviour Policy is available on our school website. Here is a link [DLPS-Relationships-and-Behaviour-Policy-September-2021.pdf](#)

## Virtual Parents Evening

Please watch out for an email which will contain important information explaining how you can book your Virtual Parent Evening Appointment with your child's class teacher. Please get in touch if you have any queries.

## Gateway App for Delves Lane Primary School

We have a new School Gateway to DLPS – a parent engagement app that will allow you to access communication from school at anytime from anywhere. **It's easy to install on your phone, see below.**

Search School Gateway in your App store and download.

**Apple iPhone users, download the app here:**

[schoolgateway.co.uk/iosdownload](http://schoolgateway.co.uk/iosdownload)

**Android phone users, download the app here:**

[schoolgateway.co.uk/androiddownload](http://schoolgateway.co.uk/androiddownload)

Your login details will be your email address and mobile number of the main contact given to School, so please make sure the details we hold for you are up to date.

If you would like to update your contact information or are having any difficulties logging into the app please contact us by sending an email to [delveslaneprimary@durhamlearning.net](mailto:delveslaneprimary@durhamlearning.net)

### **IMPORTANT- PLEASE ENSURE PUSH NOTIFICATIONS ARE MANUALLY TURNED ON FOR THIS APP WITHIN YOUR PHONE SETTINGS**

For Apple Devices:

- On your phone go to **Settings**
- Scroll down to the '**Notifications Centre**'
- Select **School Gateway**
- Ensure that under the heading '**Notifications Centre**' notifications are switched on.
- Close the screen; you will now receive notifications when new app messages come through.

For Android Devices:

- On your phone go to **Settings > Applications Manager**
- Scroll down your list of apps and select **School Gateway**
- Ensure the tick box that says '**Show Notifications**' is selected.
- Close the screen; you will now receive notifications when new app messages come through.

## School Holidays 2021 to 2022

Holiday	Closing Date	Date school re-opens for teaching purposes
Summer Holiday 2021	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September
October Half Term Holiday	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November
Christmas Holiday	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January
February Half Term Holiday	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> February	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> February
Easter Holiday	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> April
May Day Holiday	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May
Summer Half Term Holiday	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June
Summer Holiday 2022	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Date to be confirmed

## Training Days

School will be **closed** to children on the following days:

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022

## Calendar of Events

Please see our calendar of events below. We will send out invites to ZOOM Meetings the day before the meeting is due to take place. Thank you.

## Would you like to volunteer in school?

We need volunteers to hear our children read. If you are interested, please contact the school office.

## House Points

Well done to all our House Teams this week.

Griffin = 221 points

Unicorn = 226 points

Minotaur = 258 points

Phoenix = 272 points

**Phoenix House** are the winners, congratulations!

Thank you for your continued support, have a lovely weekend.

*R Woods*

Mrs R Woods

**Head Teacher**

Date	Event	Information
<b>Autumn Term 2021</b>		
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 6 SATS information meeting	ZOOM Meeting at 3.30pm Parents of BEECH & OAK Class will be emailed an invitation.
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	Virtual ECO2 Smart Schools Climate Conference Event Y5 and Y6 For PINE, ASH, BEECH & OAK Classes	In school event
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 4 Times Table Meeting for BIRCH & ELM Classes with Mr McMeiken, Miss Hedge & Miss Kelly	ZOOM Meeting at 3.30pm Parents of BIRCH & ELM Class will be emailed an invitation
Week Commencing 11 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents Evening Video Appointments or Telephone Calls	More details to attached
Weds 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 3 House Cup Event for POPLAR and WILLOW Classes	In school event PM
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 1 Phonics screening information meeting with Miss Webb & Class Teachers	ZOOM Meeting at 3.30pm Parents of HAZEL and HAWTHORN Class will be emailed an invitation
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 2 SATS Meeting Maple Class	MAPLE Class at 4.00pm Parents of MAPLE and JUNIPER Class will be emailed an invitation
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Reception House Cup Event for CHERRY Class	In school event PM
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Key Stage 1 Harvest Festival AM	In school event for HAZEL, HAWTHORN, MAPLE and JUNIPER Classes More information to follow
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Drop-In Session for parents and carers <u>interested</u> in a Reception Place	3.30pm to 4.30pm Current Nursery Parents will be sent an invite
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Wear Red Day	Non-Uniform Day To support the 'Show Racism the Red Card' charity, all children and staff can 'Wear Red' today.
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October</b>	<b>Break Up – Half Term holiday</b>	
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November</b>	<b>School closed for Staff Training</b>	
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	All children - Individual Photographs	More details to follow
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Remembrance Service</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KS1 Hall for Years 1 &amp; 2</li> <li>• KS2 Hall for Years 3 &amp; 4</li> <li>• KS2 Hall for Years 5 &amp; 6</li> </ul>	In school event
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-Bullying Day	In school event More information to follow
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Flu Vaccinations for pupils	More details to follow
Week beginning 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Assessment period	Please make sure children are on time for school and have eaten a good breakfast!
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December</b>	<b>School closed for Staff Training</b>	
<b>Christmas Events</b>		
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Key Stage 1 Christingle for HAZEL, HAWTHORN, MAPLE and JUNIPER Classes	Delves Lane Methodist Chapel @ 9:30am (Venue to be confirmed) Parents and carers welcome
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	In-School Pantomime from M&M Productions – Jack & the Beanstalk Years 1,2,3 – Junior Hall Years 4.5.6 – Junior Hall	In School Event AM Performances Junior Hall

Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Lower Key Stage 2 (Year 3 and Year 4) – Christmas Sing-a-long for POPLAR, WILLOW, BIRCH and ELM Classes	9:30am and 2.15pm Junior Hall Parents and Carers welcome More details to follow
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Upper Key Stage 2 (Year 5 and 6) - Christmas Sing-a-long for PINE, ASH, BEECH & OAK Classes	9:30am and 2:15pm Junior Hall Parents and carers welcome
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS (Reception and Nursery) - Nativity	9;15am and 2:30pm Infant hall Parents and carers welcome
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 (Year 1 and 2) – Nativity HAZEL, HAWTHOR, MAPLE and JUNIPER Classes	9;15am and 2:15pm Infant hall Parents and carers welcome
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	BIRCH & ELM Class Party (Year 4)	In school event AM
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	WILLOW & POPLAR Class Party (Year 3)	In school event PM
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	CHERRY Class Party (Reception)	In school event AM
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	SAPLINGS Class Party (Nursery)	In school event AM
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	SEEDLINGS Class Party (Nursery)	In school event PM
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	HAZEL & HAWTHORN Class Party (Year 1)	In school event AM
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	BEECH & OAK Class Party (Year 6)	In school event AM
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	MAPLE & JUNIPER Class Party (Year 2)	In school event PM
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	PINE & ASH Class Party (Year 5)	In school event PM
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2019</b>	<b>End of Term – Christmas Holidays</b>	
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022</b>	<b>School Closed for Staff Training</b>	
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022</b>	<b>School Opens for Teaching</b>	

- **Dates are correct as of September 2021**
- **Further events may be added**
- **Please note all events are subject to change and are based on COVID restrictions at the current time. If we were subject to a local outbreak management plan, events may have to be postponed or held online via ZOOM. More information about Christmas arrangements will follow nearer to the time. Thank you.**